Statement

State-wise and sector-wise no. of sugar mills which did not work during sugar season 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

State	1999-2000 No. of Sugar Mills				2000-2001 No. of Sugar Mills				2001-2002 No. of Sugar Mills			
	Private	Public	Co-operative	Total	Private	Public	Co-operative	Total	Private	Public	Co-operative	Total
Punjab	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Rajasthan	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2
Uttar Pradesh	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	6	0	0	6
Madhya Pradesh	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	3
Gujarat	0	0	4	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	7	7
Maharashtra	1	0	9	10	1	0	6	7	2	0	25	27
Bihar	3	15	0	18	3	15	0	18	3	15	0	18
Assam	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	1	1	4	6	1	1	4	6	1	1	4	6
Karnataka	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	3	4	0	2	6
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Orissa	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	4	3	0	1	4
TOTAL	17	18	20	55	20	19	19	58	22	19	44	85

Crisis in sugar industry

†948. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the loss incurred by the sugar industry in the country during the last two years;

(b) what are the reasons for the current crisis in sugar industry;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any scheme to reduce the excise duty on sugar and duty on molasses to give relief to tide-over the crisis; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Information on the profit/loss of sugar factories is not maintained.

(b) Difficulties have been encountered in sugar industry following a general fall in sugar prices.

(c) and (d) No specific information relating to concessions can be provided.

Procurment of paddy in Andhra Pradesh

949. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that procurement of paddy is not undertaken by FCI and its agencies in Andhra Pradesh whereas in other parts of the country it is done by FCI;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that methodology of procurement in Andhra Pradesh is also different from Punjab, Haryana etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to direct FCI to procure paddy directly from the farmers of Andhra Pradesh as is done in rest of the country; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) It has been decided that the procurement of paddy would be undertaken by FCI and Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (APSCSC Ltd.) in the ratio of 30:70 respectively in the current Kharif Marketing Season 2002-03. Accordingly, the number of purchase centres opened by them and quantity of paddy procured so far are as under: